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TITLE

Practical activities and ideas for developing critical thinking skills

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Abstract

This presentation introduces practical activities and ideas for developing critical thinking skills, based on the In Focus series. We will explore useful techniques for developing critical thinking skills across a wide range of levels and platforms. Emphasis will be placed on using, developing, and sublementing engaging exercises that encourage questioning, problem-solving, and decision-making. Attendees will leave with a range of strategies to help effectively integrate critical thinking skills into their teaching practice and materials, whether paper based or online, in ways that enhance student learning.

Biography

Dr. Culligan teaches at Aoyama Gakuin University. He specializes in language testing and corpus linguistics. In 1995, he co-created one of the first revisions to the General Service List. Since then, he and his colleagues have developed many corpus-based wordlists including the NGSL, NAWL, TSL and BSL.